Renewal of tracks

†1194. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details with regard to renewal of rail tracks proposed in the year 2003-2004;

(b) whether Government have made any action plan jointly with State Governments in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) 3850 km of track renewals have been planned in the year 2003-2004.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Linking of Pondicherry and Bangalore

1195. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have already ordered survey for linking Pondicherry and Bangalore through railway line; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the survey and by when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Pondicherry and Bangalore are already connected by Railway line.

(b) Does not arise.

Rail line from Gandhinagar to Moti-Adaraj

1196. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways has agreed to connect Gandhinagar with the Ahmedabad-Delhi Gauge line;

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